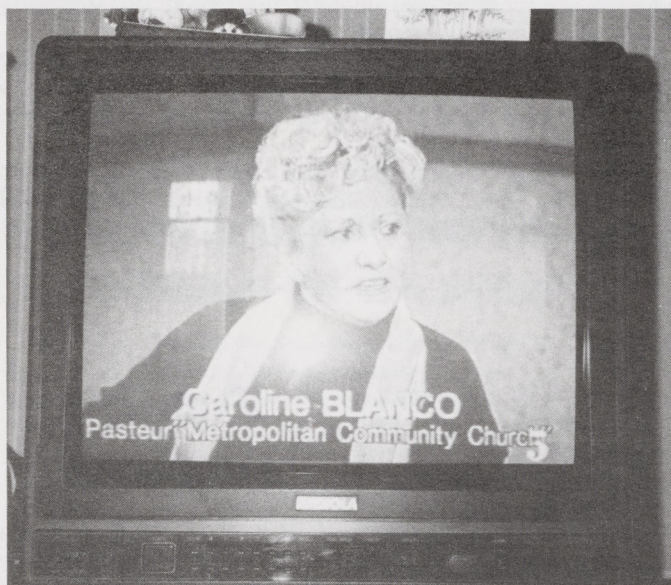


Keeping in Touch

News and notes from
the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

November 1992



Ms. Caroline DeBlanco appeared on French television recently

Paris Church Recognized

Centre de l'Esprit Libérateur MCC in Paris became a registered church in France recently.

"We thank the Lord that our church was legally accepted!" Ms. Caroline DeBlanco, pastor, wrote in a letter to the Board of Elders. "That was not easy: We needed 25 people who would be the church's guarantee, be official members and give their names, their addresses and their signatures to the Paris police headquarters; we had 38 people who did that for the church!"

She said that the church's bylaws were reviewed "with a fine-toothed comb" by the prefect of police and by the Minister of the Interior. (His position is equivalent to the Secretary of the Interior in the United States and the Home Secretary in Britain.)

Ms. DeBlanco said that between 15 and 30 people attend services, and the church averages 10 services per month. She appeared on four television programs during peak viewing hours, as well as on the radio and in the newspapers. As a result, she said the church receives mail from all over France.

General Council took action at its October meeting to make France part of UFMCC's European North Sea District, effective immediately. □

Discussion of the first draft of a landmark code of conduct was among the highlights of the General Council meeting held Oct. 8-13 in Los Angeles, CA.

Oregon Faces Bigotry

Even though someone broke into MCC Portland and stole its mailing list, the church is continuing to urge Oregon citizens to vote against Measure 9 on Nov. 3.

The state initiative denies civil rights to gay and lesbian people by excluding "sexual orientation" from any kind of protected status under law.

The break-in occurred on the evening of Oct. 4. The intruder or intruders dumped drawers and files and stole about \$30 cash and MCC Portland's mailing list of 200 to 300 names. Rev. Gary Wilson, pastor, said similar break-ins and thefts of mailing lists have occurred in recent months at other Portland organizations opposing Measure 9, and other Portland churches on both sides of the issue have been vandalized. The employers of some people named on another organization's stolen list received anonymous calls notifying them that their employees were gay or lesbian, Rev. Wilson said.

"Attendance has suffered since the theft, so it has scared some people off. The people who are hanging in have become far more determined. It has caused some people to come out and the publicity has brought some new people," Rev. Wilson said.

"To me, it's just like the early church. They were under attack," Rev. Wilson said, adding, "Our safety is in being right here together."

Since the break-in at his church, Rev. Wilson has participated in two press conferences, one about the break-in itself, and another held jointly with other religious leaders to denounce violence against sacred spaces. MCC Portland will host a rally at midnight on election night featuring political and spiritual leaders.

Efforts to maintain rights for lesbian and gay people included a campaign to gather supportive letters and send them to voters who might not be aware of gay and lesbian people in their lives. One such letter was written by Mr. Farley Peterson, administrative assistant for financial affairs at UFMCC headquarters in Los Angeles, CA. His letter reads in part:

"I'm a 49 year-old man working in Los Angeles as the accountant for the headquarters office of UFMCC. I 'came-out'...realized
(see *Oregon Faces Bigotry*, page 4)

General Council Discusses Ethics

The council thanked Rev. Don Pederson and the Communications, Policy and Review Division for the discussion paper titled "Preliminary Statements Relating to a Proposed

Code of Conduct for UFMCC" and requested the division to coordinate two activities to further discussion: 1) Referral of the paper to other people, pro-
(see *General Council*, page 2)

UFMCC Makes Ecumenical Witness In European Context

Rev. Ian Westby represented UFMCC at the Conference of European Churches Assembly in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 1-11.

This was the first time UFMCC has sent a representative to the CEC, which is the regional ecumenical organization that links some 120 churches in all the countries of Europe. Its membership includes Anglicans, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Orthodox, Reformed, Old Catholics and Evangelicals.

Rev. Ian Westby, UFMCC National Ecumenical Officer for the United Kingdom, reports: "For the first time in its history the Conference Assembly voted by a majority of one to include in its anti-discrimination paper the words 'sexual orientation.' A wonderful breakthrough... I was the only openly gay person there—with no voice or vote. Many heard my cries of joy when the vote was read out."

Rev. Westby also had a productive meeting with Logos, a lesbian and gay Christian group in Prague, and was interviewed by a Czech gay and lesbian magazine. □

At U.S. National Council

In conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches (NCC), most of the lesbian/gay Christian caucuses and UFMCC will meet in Cleveland, OH, Nov. 10-13. More than 30 representatives of 17 organizations are expected to attend. The idea for the meeting originated with Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, chief ecumenical officer, and Rev. Kittredge Cherry, field director of Ecumenical Witness and Ministry.

The purpose of the meeting will be twofold. The first is to share concerns and opportunities among the various groups struggling within their respective denominations.

The second purpose is to be present at the NCC both to support UFMCC's relationship with that body and to remind delegates of the presence of gay and lesbian members in their own denominations.

At the NCC General Board meeting, the NCC is expected to act on UFMCC's recent request for observer status. The NCC will also hear the final report of the NCC-UFMCC Dialogue Committee. □

General Council

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grams and bodies for extensive input. This will include the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee and the Commission on Faith, Fellowship and Order. 2) An open forum for further discussion at the March 1993 General Council meeting in place of the district coordinators meeting.

The paper includes sections on basic responsibilities, legal obligations, ethical obligations, confidentiality, conflict of interest, sexual harassment, financial integrity, appointment/hiring relationship, supplier relationships, counseling, sexual activity, review and disciplinary action, arbitration, church meetings, and a bibliography.

Other highlights of the October General Council meeting included:

The council approved pre-

liminary plans for General Conference XVI in Phoenix, AZ, July 18-25, 1993. Registration rates will remain exactly the same as the 1991 General Conference. But as per General Conference XV, a \$25 surcharge will be added to the registrations of all conference participants to set up a travel pool for delegates outside the United States and Canada.

The council reversed its previous decision to have a General Council meeting in Australia in 1994, but continues to work on the possibility of holding General Conference in Australia in 1997.

A modified budget, which included \$932,420 in tithe income, was adopted for 1993.

The Council reviewed and discussed reports from all UFMCC program agencies, including the Elder's Task Force

on Structures and Systems.

On Sunday Oct. 11, the council worshipped together at a service commemorating Columbus' arrival in the Western Hemisphere. The service was compiled and edited by Ms. Sandy Williams, representative of White People Healing Racism from MCC Los Angeles. It reminded council members that Columbus' arrival brought newness of freedom, hope and opportunity for some, but was the occasion of oppression, degradation and genocide for others. Rev. Elder Troy Perry celebrated communion using tortillas for the bread. He recalled that 20 years ago a Catholic priest was removed by the cardinal of Los Angeles for using the bread of the people of Mexico. □

Funding Available

Rev. Tam Schult, pastor of MCC Tri-Cities, Johnson City, TN, has been elected to the board of directors for Appalachian Community Fund.

The Fund provides grants of up to \$10,000 to groups too small, new or controversial to get funding from ordinary sources. Rev. Schult urges MCCers in the Appalachian area (Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee) to apply for grants.

For more information, contact Rev. Schult at MCC Tri-Cities, PO Box 1612, Johnson City, TN 37605; phone (615) 926-4393. □



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WHAT A FELLOWSHIP

JEAN GRALLEY

LOOK AT WHO WE ARE! GAY AND LESBIAN PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM ARE WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND MOST OF WHOM ARE FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED!

IT'S TRUE!

AND SUDDENLY WE'RE STUCK IN A TIME WHEN GAY AND LESBIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING HATED LIKE NEVER BEFORE, WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE BEING PARTICULARLY SHAFTED, AND THE FINANCIALLY-CHALLENGED ARE GETTING CRUSHED!

IT'S TRUE! YOU COULDN'T FIND A WORSE COMBINATION OF FOLKS IN ONE PLACE!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, WE'RE CURSED.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS IS OUR TIME!

"GOD WORKS THROUGH THE MOST UNLIKELY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HISTORY."
— BISHOP LEONTINE KELLY
PEOPLE OF COLOR CONF.

Smiley

Rev. Perry Organizes Wedding at March on Washington

Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder and moderator of UFMCC, has agreed to organize a second non-sectarian ceremony to formalize the union of hundreds, perhaps thousands of lesbian, gay and bisexual relationships. The Wedding is scheduled for Saturday April 24, 1993, the day prior to the March on Washington.

Additionally, the elders have voted to endorse the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

"The 1987 Wedding was both a demonstration for equal rights as well as a sacred ceremony formalizing the marriages of many couples in our community. It was their wedding day. We lift ourselves up against the weight of discrimination and bigotry when our unions are celebrated and blessed. Spiritual health and self respect give us the strength to fight on for the legal recognition of our marriages," said Rev. Perry.

"The sixth of seven demands in The March on Washington platform asserts that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures. Our march is fighting for the legalization of same-sex marriages and recognition of domestic partnerships. Society's homophobia is crushing lesbian, gay and bisexual families. We are denied custody of our children, adoption, foster care and visitation rights. We are discriminated against even as taxpayers and we are robbed of medical and insurance benefits," said Billy Hileman, national co-chair.

Rev. Perry asked for contributions to support the Wedding. Donations may be sent to the Fellowship offices with a note saying they are for the Wedding. □

MCC Charleston Membership Triples

Membership has tripled from 31 to 93 at MCC Charleston, SC, since Ms. Mary Moore became pastor two years ago.

"The biggest single reason for the growth is the empty chair," Ms. Moore said. "At every meeting we have we set aside an empty chair to acknowledge the people who are not yet there. When a new member joins, we tell them, 'Someone else paid

for your chair. Will you provide a place for the next person?'"

That philosophy of making space to welcome new members is described in a new book that she highly recommends, *Preparing the Church for the Future* by Carl George.

She also credits the church's growth to strong, mature lay leadership in the con-

gregation. "The critical thing for pastors is being able to share authority and power," she said.

MCC Charleston is raising funds for its "Pentecost 20 Plan." The church's goal is to purchase 20 acres of land for a multi-use facility which would include a church, community garden, cemetery and a nursing home. □

Samaritan Strengthens District Partnerships

Developing district partnerships will be the primary emphasis of Samaritan College over the next 14 months.

At its October meeting, the General Council made a series of decisions to build up the district partnership program. The partnership is a form of an administrative cooperation that provides for facilities and Samaritan-approved faculty for education, scholarship funds, and an annual student clergy week-end.

"Partnership is the method Samaritan College has chosen to provide stimulating and quality instruction for the ministries of the UFMCC in as many places as possible," said Rev. Sandra Robinson, president of Samaritan. She noted that the success of the partnership program has given Samaritan the highest enrollment in its history, counted in units.

At the president's request, the General Council acted to suspend the correspondence course program, restructure Samaritan's staff, revise Samaritan's budget and create a new Interim Management Committee. The Management Committee replaces the Samaritan College Task Force and will manage the college until a board of trustees is appointed and fully vested with financial responsibility.

The revised budget reflects cost containment measures, including suspension of the correspondence course program that has been operating at a deficit during the past year. The correspondence course department will close indefinitely beginning Dec. 31, 1992. As a result of this action, the half-time position of correspondence course administrator will be discontinued effective Dec. 31. Samaritan College plans to begin updating its curriculum in January 1993.

Students currently enrolled in courses will not be affected by this change. Students who wish to enroll in any current correspondence course after Dec. 31 will be assigned to a faculty member who will facilitate instruction during the transition. Any questions about the correspondence courses may be directed to Mr. Troy Fernandez at (213) 464-5100.

After discussion, General Council also decided that Samaritan tuition will remain at \$85 per credit hour in 1993 and that both Track I and Track II of Orientation to MCC Pastoring be offered in at least one location in summer 1993.

Members of Samaritan's new Interim Management Committee are Ms. Judy Dale, Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Mr. Tom Reveley, and Rev. Robinson, with Mr. Ravi Verma as consultant.

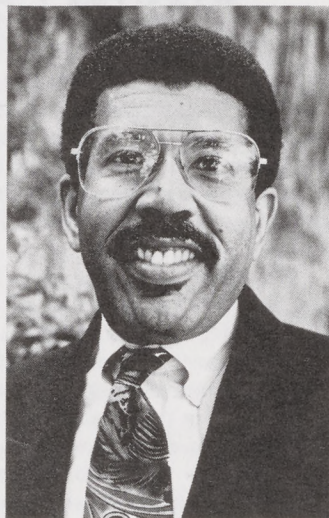
"The expectation of this plan for 1993 and beyond is that it will begin a gradual annual growth pattern of 20 to 30 percent in student units in the districts of the United States and Canada," Rev. Robinson said. "We must reach those students — potential clergy and lay leadership — who want and need Samaritan College curriculum." □

People of Color Envision the Future

Mr. Bernard Barbour of Houston, TX, was elected as the nominee for executive director of the Department of People of Color (DPOC) at the DPOC business meeting Aug. 30 in Phoenix, AZ.

The nomination of Mr. Barbour and the rest of the executive committee was approved by the General Council in October. He has served as DPOC interim executive director since March 1992.

Elected to the DPOC Executive Committee were Rev. Herbert Evans, Ms. Juanita Majel-Dixon, Mr. Ramon Flores and Mr. J.R. Finney. Those who will serve as co-chairs of divisions are Ms. Bee Dee Dou-



Mr. Bernard Barbour

blet, Mr. Jose Marcos Gonzalez, and Ms. Nadine Rawls.

Members of the Division of White People Healing Racism (WPHR) Steering Committee are Rev. Maggie Tanis, Rev. Randy Nunnelee, Rev. Polly Ireland (one-year term), Ms. Hilary Clinton and Ms. Jean Strickland, chair.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to change the name of DPOC to "Department of People of Colors." When the current name is translated into Spanish, it implies African-American and no other groups, so the "s" was added to make the department's name more inclusive.

A document titled "Creating

a Vision for the '90s and Beyond" was accepted unanimously as DPOC's goals and objectives for the immediate future. This document creates four divisions within DPOC (in addition to the division of WPHR): AIDS ministry, training, education and evangelism.

Concerns raised by WPHR, which will be discussed by the executive committee, include establishing national chairs, requiring WPHR training for UFMCC leaders and further developing workshops.

Recognized for past service to DPOC were Rev. Delores Berry, Rev. Hong Tan, Ms. Judy Kiser and Rev. La Paula Turner. □

Advertising Attracts New Members

Advertising is an effective way to bring new people into a church congregation.

Keeping in Touch recently received the following two reports of successful advertising programs in UFMCC churches:

▼ A much higher than average percentage of newcomers to MCC of the Hudson Valley, Albany, NY explain that they found the church through an ad in the local gay and lesbian newsletter. The unprecedented success and high response may have a great deal to do with the creative "catchy" look and the content/style of the ads. Rather than placing a business card each month, or even the same type/size/style ad month after



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BURNED
BEFORE?**

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CHURCHES
ARE ALIKE**

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Metropolitan Community Church

an intimate group of lesbians and gay men,
meeting together to worship God and
encourage and support each other. You are
cordially invited to join us on **SUNDAYS,**
1:00PM at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 278
STATE STREET, in Albany.

month, lay pastoral team member Bill Hay works diligently

Dear Mom + Dad:

You'll never believe this, but I'm actually going to church! I've found a small group of lesbians and gay men who meet for worship each week and really help me feel a sense of community. And who knows - I might meet that special someone there!

Your loving child

Worship with us on **SUNDAYS, 1:00pm** at
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STREET, ALBANY (between Dove and
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to provide a fresh new look and message each issue. This posi-

tive experience in advertising through innovative ad style may encourage other churches to take a look at their creative potential. (Sample ads may be reproduced and used freely).

▼ New Life MCC, Charlotte, NC, had a striking ad in *Q-Notes*. It was one-third of a full page reaching out to the Charlotte community.

"CH_CH—What's Missing Here? You Are (UR)." That's how it starts. And, then Pastor Bob Darst invites, debunks misinterpretations of scripture used against our community, and then tantalizes with the New Life outreach. □

Oregon Faces Bigotry

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and acknowledged that I was gay...when I was 32 and living in Washington, DC. Born and raised as a farm boy in north-west Iowa in the 50's, the thought that I might have a homosexual orientation had just never occurred to me until 1975 when I came across a story about gay love, and understood, 'Hey, this is me!'

"Literally, my first stop was at MCC where I found gay brothers and lesbian sisters worshipping God. My association

with the church has remained constant since then. My understanding of God's unconditional love for God's children and the diversity of God's creation has deepened. The joy of knowing God's love in my life has been, at times, overpowering, and has always been comforting and strengthening. Since realizing that I was gay my life has been primarily devoted to achieving justice and wholeness for gay men and lesbians in America." □

Attention Clergy!

The annual "Certification of Clergy Status" forms have been mailed to all active clergy. These forms are due at the CCCC Office by Jan. 1. Clergy with forms not returned by Jan. 1 will be placed on inactive status and may appeal by submitting the form with a \$25 fee and a letter of explanation for the lateness of the form. The CCCC will then hear all submitted appeals at its annual March meeting. Also, notices have been sent to all clergy whose credentials expire in 1993. Licensure applications are due by Mar. 1. □

Around the Fellowship

Praises

"Say Yes To Life," a musical introduction to UFMCC, drew 350 people in Raleigh, NC, Sept. 13. The extravaganza was hosted by **St. John's MCC** in Raleigh, where **Rev. Wayne Lindsay** is pastor, and by **Rev. Grant Ford**, pastor of **Church of the Holy Spirit MCC**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

MCC Chattanooga, TN, hosted 500 people on a cruise aboard the Southern Belle riverboat Sept. 19.

MCC San Francisco, CA, was featured on "Journey of the Heart," a documentary on racism and homophobia shown nationwide on ABC-TV in October. The program focused on the ministry of **Rev. Jane Spahr**, a lesbian minister in the Presbyterian Church, and included MCC clergy **Rev. Coni Staff** and **Rev. Jim Mitulski**.

Twenty-six people from six of the seven churches in the **Australian District** attended the September District Retreat on church growth featuring **Rev. Elder Don Eastman**.

Rev. Frodo Okulam, pastor of **SisterSpirit**, Portland, OR, has been accepted as the first UFMCC student at Mt. Angel Seminary, a Roman Catholic seminary in Oregon.

Approximately 60 women attended the **Southwest District "Womyn's Retreat"** Sept. 25-27 in the mountains near San Diego, CA. With the theme "Different Voices, One Spirit" they explored such topics as feminist moral theology, lifestyle for health, spiritual journaling, Native American sweat lodge and Christology and the inner child.

Rev. Buddy Truluck, pastor of **Golden Gate MCC**, San Francisco, CA, was interviewed recently about the Bible and Homosexuality on the national television show, "Good Morning, America."

Rev. Gordon McCoy, pastor of **Church of the Resurrection MCC** in Chicago, IL, will teach a workshop on "Creating Faith Families" at a conference on ministry at Chicago Theological Seminary, Nov. 4. □

Prayers

Rev. Susan Deitrick, co-pastor of **MCC Ocean of Life** in Costa Mesa, CA, was diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery on Oct. 8. She is recovering well.

Rev. Delores Berry has been diagnosed with an ulcerated stomach due to blood pressure medication she had been taking. For the first time in five years of full-time evangelistic ministry, she had to cancel a tour. She is home and feeling better.

Mr. Keith Apple, former executive committee member, Excel International, had emergency surgery in October to remove his spleen. He is recovering at home in Guerneville, CA. □

Transitions

Rev. Christen Chew became pastor of **Free Spirit MCC** at the **California Institute for Women** in Whittier, CA, on Aug. 1.

Rev. Joseph Totten-Reid has been called to pastor **MCC Baltimore**, MD. He resigned as pastor of **MCC of Santa Barbara County**, CA, effective Nov. 16.

All Saints MCC, Atlanta, GA, has called **Rev. Doug Johnson** as pastor starting Oct. 1. He is a transfer clergy from the Southern Baptist Convention and has been on staff at **First MCC of Atlanta**.

Rev. Lee Campbell begins duties as pastor of **Christ the Redeemer MCC**, Evanston, IL, on Nov. 1. He is a newly licensed UFMCC clergyperson from Minneapolis, MN.

Rev. Frank Scott has resigned as principal of Samaritan College in Europe. He plans to return to the United States in April 1993. □

Top 20 Tithes—Sept. 1992

1.	MCC Washington, Washington, DC	US \$	2,185.05
2.	Church/Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL		2,035.14
3.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX		1,995.44
4.	MCC Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CAN\$	1,732.38
5.	MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA		1,646.76
6.	Morning Star MCC, Worcester, MA		1,069.00
7.	Church of the Trinity MCC, Sarasota, FL		865.46
8.	Agape' MCC, Ft. Worth, TX		769.14
9.	Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL		697.60
10.	Good Samaritan Parish MCC, Toledo, OH		663.01
11.	MCC New York, New York City, NY		652.34
12.	MCC Ocean of Life, Costa Mesa, CA		516.24
13.	MCC Silverlake, Los Angeles, CA		499.13
14.	Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA		450.76
15.	MCC Key West, Key West, FL		448.17
16.	MCC Louisville, Louisville, KY		440.20
17.	MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM		436.14
18.	MCC Richmond, Richmond, IN		415.93
19.	St. John's MCC, Raleigh, NC		400.18
20.	MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA		397.28

{These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's monthly income that is reported to Fellowship headquarters.}

Top 20 Per Capita—Sept. 1992

1.	MCC Silverlake, Los Angeles, CA	US \$	72.34
2.	New Heart MCC, Tacoma, WA		40.57
3.	Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA		36.63
4.	Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX		29.20
5.	MCC Ocean of Life, Costa Mesa, CA		28.52
6.	Church of the Resurrection MCC, Chicago, IL		26.45
7.	MCC of the Disciples, Washington, DC		25.14
8.	Morning Star MCC, Worcester, MA		25.04
9.	Church With A Vision MCC, Longview, TX		24.04
10.	Maranatha MCC, San Lorenzo, CA		23.86
11.	MCC Washington, Washington, DC		22.30
12.	Sunrise MCC of the Hi Desert, Palmdale, CA		21.41
13.	MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA		21.13
14.	MCC of the Gentle Shepherd, Vancouver, WA		20.64
15.	Open Arms MCC, Rochester, NY		20.52
16.	Faith Eternal MCC, Springfield, IL		19.63
17.	MCC Santa Barbara Cty, Santa Barbara, CA		18.16
18.	Vision of Hope MCC, Lancaster, PA		17.73
19.	MCC of the Lower Mainland, Surrey, BC	CAN\$	17.64
20.	New Life MCC, Berkeley, CA		17.30

{These figures reflect average individual weekly offering to the local church.}

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SALVATION SCRIPTURE, and Sexuality by Bishop Mark Shirilau clearly demonstrates that God loves everyone, regardless of sexuality. \$4.00 includes tax, postage. Healing Spirit Press, P.O. Box 94, Villa Grande, CA 95486.

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Organizations

WHEATON COLLEGE ALUMNI - Did you attend Wheaton College in IL? We are currently forming a lesbian/gay alumni group. Contact Paul Phillips at 369 Montezuma #209, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Positions Available

MCC in Nashville, TN, is seeking a pastor. For more information, write Charles Jones, P.O. Box 121582, Nashville, TN 37212.

The Northwest District is seeking candidates for district coordinator. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 15, and the district coordinator will be elected to a four-year term in May 1993. Incumbents are eligible for consideration. Compensation is \$24,000 annually plus medical insurance, which the district recognizes is comparable to 2/3 salary. For more information, contact Rev. Larry Whitesell, Chair, NW District Coordinator Search Committee, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, CA 94520; phone (510) 827-2960 or (510) 906-8887.

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Pension Payments Due

The UFMCC Board of Pensions reminds clergy participating in the pension plan that annual clergy contributions are mandatory.

Non-payment will result in forfeiture of a year of service for vesting purposes and will affect accrual of benefits. Payment must be received no later than Dec. 25, 1992.

New actuarial reports will be mailed to participating clergy prior to General Conference 1993. For more information, call Ms. Lois Luneburg, (209) 795-7132.

During the past year two UFMCC clergy have received pension benefits upon retirement and death benefits were paid on behalf of two deceased clergy. ☐

Ordination Studied

The Commission on Faith, Fellowship and Order (FFO) invites anyone interested to prepare a paper expressing their theology of ordination.

The call for papers is part of FFO's ongoing process of exploring ordination. Papers of up to 15 typed, double-spaced pages should be submitted by April 1, 1993, to: Cindy Chandler, 806 Egan Street, Denton, TX 76201.

Papers should reflect the authors' theological journey from any previous faith community up through present understanding in UFMCC, including concept of call, source of authority for ordination, ordination for specific offices, ordination requirements, and politics of ordination in UFMCC and any previous denominational affiliation. □